

Now that we're past Thanksgiving, the curbside leaf collection is done and the City's yard waste site is closed for winter. And it makes sense to give a few winter reminders before it starts snowing.

Plow Routes: Every snowfall is a little different, the timing of the snow or if it includes freezing rain will influence how or when the plows are dispatched. In general, three plows will hit the main highways first; they go north up 213 then east on 14. Their next priority is to open the police department and the ambulance garage.

There is a second crew that will tend to start downtown, trying to clean it overnight when there are fewer parked cars or traffic to work around. Then the plows start working the side streets, first the through streets, then streets with less traffic and culs de sac. Later alleys and public parking lots will be plowed. Afterward, there may be some clean up plowing or opening corners at intersections.

Parking: Alternate-side parking is required on city streets from November 15 to April 15 between 1:00 am and 7:00 am. If parking overnight, please be careful of the date change at midnight. On even-numbered calendar days cars should park on the even-numbered side of the street. On odd-numbered calendar days, cars should park on the odd-numbered side of the street. Alternate-side parking does not apply to streets where parking is already limited to one side of the street or otherwise posted for no parking.

Any vehicle parked in violation of alternate-side restriction may be towed at the owner's expense. A parking citation may also be issued, and unpaid citations will result in a suspension of license plates.

Sidewalks: Property owners or occupants are required to clear snow and ice from public sidewalks adjacent to their property. Sidewalks are to be cleared within 24 hours of a snowfall. When ice builds up that cannot be removed, it is to be sprinkled with sand or salt within 24 hours.

When a property owner or occupant fails to remove (or sprinkle) snow and ice within the 24 hour timeframe, the city's Public Works Department may perform the work. The city will bill the property owner for the work; if unpaid, the bill will be levied as an assessment against the property.

Hydrants: Residents are encouraged to dig out fire hydrants near their homes.

Police Station: All right, this one may not be a winter topic, but now that the remodeling is done and the police department moved downtown, we have a building for sale. The former police station is available as a commercial office building at a very visible location on Highway 14.

The property at 535 East Main street has 144.5 feet of street frontage on Highway 14 and totals 0.547 acres. Zoning is B-1, Local Business District. The building was built in 1975, consists of

1,416 square feet finished, has a 1,344 square foot unfinished basement, and has a detached 24x26 heated garage.

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